A most Devout

PRAYER

UNTO THE

Glorious VIRGIN

MARY

Mother of GOD.

ALSO,

Several Devout Prayers to our Blessed REDEEMER, in Honour of His bitter PASSION, &c.

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To the Catholick Reader.

WHosoever shall say Devoutly these ensuing Prayers in Honour of the most Sacred Passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and in the Honour of his most B. Mother, the Virgin Mary, and continue the said Devotions for the space of Thirty days, may hope mercifully to obtain his Lawful Request, as hath been often experienced.

A most Devout and Efficacious Prayer unto the Glorious Virgin MARY *Mother of God.*

EVer Glorious and Blessed Virgin *Mary*, Queen of Virgins, Mother of Mercy, Hope and Comfort of all Desolate Souls; Through that Sword of Grief which pierced your Heart, while your only Son, *Christ Jesus* our Lord, suffer'd Death and Ignominy on the Cross; through his Filial tenderness of purest Love in your behalf, grieving in your grief, while from his Cross he bequeath'd You to the protection of his Vicar St. *John*: Take pity, I beseech you, on my Poverty and Wants, have compassion on my Anxiety and Cares, help and comfort me in all my Infirmities and Miseries whatsoever. You

are the Mother of Mercies, the ſweet comfort of the afflicted and deſolate, the only Refuge of all Needy, and Orphans. Caſt then an eye of pity on a miſerable forlorn wretch, and hear my Prayers; and ſeeing (for juſt punishment of my ſins) I am ſurrounded with many evils, and much anguiſh, unto whom ſhall I have recourſe, or where can I be more ſecurely ſhelter'd, than under the Mantle of your Motherly protection, O Virgin *Mary*, my ſweeteſt Lady, Mother of my Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, Comfort and Redreſs of our loſt Nature? Lend therefore, I beſeech you, an ear of compaſſion and pity to my humble Requeſts and Prayers. I beg it by thoſe bowels of Mercy of your deareſt Son; by that ſweetneſs wherewith he embraced our Humane Nature, when deliberating with the Two other Divine Perſons, and with ſecret power of the Holy Ghoſt, (your conſent firſt being by the Angel demanded and

obtained) *God became Man*; and nine months expir'd, vouchsafing mercifully to visit the World with his presence, came forth from the Chaste inclosure of your Virgin Womb: I beg it by that anguish of mind which your aforesaid dear Son our Lord Jesus Christ, endured at Mount *Olivet*, beseeching his Heavenly Father to *take away* (if possible) *that bitter Chalice of his future Passion*; by his three times repeated Prayer in the Garden, and your mournful steps, when with tears you accompanied him to that doleful spectacle of his Death and Sufferings; by his Whips, Scoffs, Cords, Ignominies, false Accusations, and unjust Condemnation; by that Garment gain'd at a cast of Dice; by his Tears and drops of bloody Sweat; by his silence and patience; by his Fear, Sadness, and grief of heart; by his Confusion and Bashfulness, hanging naked on the Cross in your presence, and in sight of the whole World; by his Royal Head pierc'd with

Thorns, and struck with a Reed; by his Thirst, and painful Potion of Vinegar and Gall; by that Lance that pierc'd his Sacred side, and by that Blood and Water, which flowing thence did shower on us plently of Mercy & Grace; by those Nails struck into his Hands and Feet; by that precious Soul and sweet Spirit which He, (crying with a loud voice, *My God! my God! why hast thou forsaken me?*) recommended to his Heavenly Father, and with an inclin'd Head gave up the Ghost; saying, *All is consummated*, by the rending of the Rocks, and tearing of the vail of the Temple; by the Earthquake and dark'ning of the Sun and Moon; by his Mercy shew'd to the good Thief; by his adorable Cross, and bitter Passion; by his Descent into Hell, and all those Souls which he comforted with his glorious sight; by that Joy, Glory, and Victory of his Holy Resurrection, and appearing unto his Elect Virgin-Mother, and to the rest of his Disciples

ciples, for forty days; by his admirable Aſcenſion, when you all beholding him, he was elevated into Heaven; By the Grace of the Holy *Paraclet*, which he in fiery Tongues infus'd into the hearts of his Diſciples, and by their zeal inflam'd the reſt of the Univerſe; by that laſt and dreadful day, when he ſhall come to Judge the living and the dead, and the World in fire; by all the compaſſion he bore you in this life; by the raviſhing ſweetneſs of his eyes, and by the ineffable joy you felt, being in his ſight aſſumed into Heaven, where, (World without end) you live and rejoyce in him: Comfort my heart and hear this my Prayer, for which I am your ſuplicant; [*ask here devoutly whatſoever you pleaſe*] And as I am confident he can refuſe nothing unto you, ſo let me ſpeedily, fully, and efficaciouſly experience your help and comfort, according to the ſweetneſs of your Motherly, and of his Filial loving heart, who granteth

mercifully the requeſt of all that love him, and doth the will of all that faithfully ſupplicate him. Wherefore, O moſt bleſſed Virgin *Mary*, according to my preſent need in this, and in all other things whatſoever, for the which I humbly invoke your ſacred Name and aſſiſtance, obtain for me of your deareſt Son our Lord God, firm hope in the *Catholick Faith*, perfect Charity, true Contrition of heart, a Fountain of Tears, ſincere Confeſſion, and refraining from ſin, condign ſatisfaction, love of God and my Neighbour, contempt of the World, and true patience to ſuffer Affronts, Ignominies, and (if need be) an opprobrious death, for love of your Son our Redeemer Jeſus Chriſt. Obtain for me perſeverance in good works, performance of my good purpoſes and Vows, mortification of ſelf-will, converſation pleaſing unto you, and in the laſt hour of my life, a ſtrong and true Repentance, and Penitence in word and

mind, and a happy Death. Lastly, for the Souls of my Parents, Brothers, Sisters, and Benefactors, (alive and dead,) obtain for us all, I Beseech you, Life everlasting. *Amen.*

Another Prayer to the Blessed Virgin MARY.

HAil Blessed Virgin *Mary*! Mother of God! Queen of Heaven! Gate of Paradice! and Lady of the World! Thou art a singular pure Virgin, Thou wert conceived without sin, conceivedst also, and broughtst forth (without blemish) your Son Jesus, the Creator and Redeemer of the World. All this do I believe undoubtedly. Pray for me to Jesus your beloved Son, and free me from all Evil. *Amen.*

A Devout Prayer to our Lord JESUS CHRIST.

GLory, Honour and Praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ. May all the World adore Thee: Blessed be thy Holy Name, who for us sinners vouchsafedst to be born of an humble Virgin; and blessed be thine Infinite Goodness who diedst upon the Cross for our Redemption,

O Jesus, Son of God, and Saviour of Mankind, we beseech Thee have mercy on us, and so dispose our Lives here by Thy Grace, that we may hereafter rejoyce with thee for ever in thy Heavenly Kingdom. *Amen.*

A most Devout and Efficacious Prayer to our B. Redeemer *in the Honour of His bitter Passion.*

Which, whosoever shall humbly repeat before the Image of a *Crucifix*, with a sure intention, and perfect resignation, several days together, may confidently hope to obtain of the Divine Majesty, a full grant of their Lawful Demands.

O *Dear* Jesus! *my blessed Saviour and Redeemer! the sweet Comforter of all sad, desolate and distress'd Souls! Behold thy poor Servant, humbly prostrate at the foot of thy Holy Cross, imploring thy Mercy, and beseeching Thee to take Pity and Compassion upon Him in this his present and pressing Affli-*

ction, *Infirmity*, *Poverty*, *Temptation*, *Trouble*, or whatsoever other *Spiritual* or *Corporal Necessity*.

Hear my Prayers, O assur'd Refuge of all afflicted wretches! Behold my Tears, consider my Sorrows, and remedy my Distresses; for, finding my self encompast with grievous Calamities, by reason of great Crimes, I know not whither to fly for succour, or to whom I may make my moan, but to Thee my meek and Merciful Saviour, with a full hope and confidence, that Thou, O my loving Redeemer, wilt vouchsafe to lend the ears of thy ordinary pity, and accustom'd Clemency to the humble Petition of thy poor Child, and by that sweetness which thy blessed

Soul

Soul resented at the time of thy allyance with our humane Nature; when, resolving with the Father and the Holy Ghost, to unite thy Divine Person to mortal Flesh for mans Salvation, Thou didst send thy Angel to the Holy Virgin Mary *with those happy tidings, and Cloathing thy self with our humane Nature in her chaste Intrals, remainedst true God and true Man for the space of Nine Months in her sacred Womb,*

By the anguish thou enduredst when the time of thy design'd passion drawing nigh, thou prayedst to thy Eternal Father, that if it might stand with his most Divine Prudence, Thou desiredst That bitter Chalice might pass away from Thee;

Thee; Yet, concluding with a most perfect Act of Resignation, not my will, O Heavenly Father, but Thine be fulfill'd.

By the outragious Injuries, shameful Disgraces, cruel Blows, contumelious Blasphemies, forg'd Witnesses, false Accusations, and unjust Judgments, which Thou (Innocent Lamb) patiently endur'dst; by the shackles which fetter'd thy Limbs, the Tears which flow'd from thy Eys, the Blood which trickled from thy whole Body, by the Fears, Sorrows, and Sadnesses of thy heart, by the shame thou receivedst in being stript of thy Garments, to hang naked on the Cross in the sight of thy sorrowful Mother, and in the presence of all the People. By

By thy Royal Head Crown'd with Thorns, and smitten with a Reed; By thy thirst quench'd with Vinegar and Gall; By thy side op'ned with a Spear, and issuing out Blood and Water, to refresh our Souls with that living Fountain of thy Love and Mercy; By the sharp Nails wherewith thy tender Hands and Feet were cruelly pierced, and fast'ned to the Cross; By the Recommendation of thy departing Soul to thy Heavenly Father, saying, into thy Hands I recommend my Spirit; *By thy praying for thy Enemies, saying,* O Father forgive them, for they know not what they do: *By thy giving up the Ghost when thou criedst out with a*

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loud voice, my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? *and Thou (bowing down thy most blessed Head to reach Us the Kiss of Peace,) sayedst*, all is finish'd.

By the great Mercy thou shewedst towards the good Theef, saying, this day thou shalt be with me in Paradice. *By thy descent into* Limbus, *by the joy thou communicatedst to the just Souls there detain'd; by the Glory of thy Triumphant Resurrection, and the comfortable apparition thou frequently didst make for* 40. *days space to thy Sacred Virgin Mother, to thy Apostles, and chosen Friends, and Servants; By thy admirable Ascention, when (in the sight of thy Mother and thy (Apostles*

thou

thou wert Elevated into Heaven; by the miraculous coming down of the Holy Ghost in form of fiery Tongues, whereby thou repleniſhedſt the hearts of thy Diſciples with thy love, and gavſt ſtrength and courage to plant thy Faith in the whole World; by the dreadful day of general Judgement, in which Thou art to give Sentence upon all Mankind.

By all theſe Sorrows, Joys, Paſſions, Compaſſions, and whatſoever elſe is near and dear unto Thee in Heaven and upon Earth, take pity on Me, O compaſſionate Redeemer, hear my Prayers, and grant me That for which now I moſt humbly and heartily Petition thee.

Mention here the thing

you desire, or reflect mentally upon it.

Give me, O gracious Saviour, a speedy and efficacious feeling of thy Divine succour and comfort, who (according to the accustomed sweetness of thy tender Heart,) art wont to grant the Request of them who fear and love thee, even their own Souls desire and satisfaction; bestow on me also, O my blessed Lord Jesus, *a constant Faith, a confident Hope, a perfect Charity, a cordial Contrition, a sincere Confession, a competent Satisfaction, a diligent Custody, of my self from future failings, an Heroical contempt of the World, a compleat conquest of all my Passions, a zealous Imitation of thy exemplar*

Life

Life and Converſation, an entire accompliſhment of my Vows, an abſolute Mortification of my Self-will, a willing readineſs to Die for thy Love and Honour, a final Perſeverance in Grace and good Works, a happy departure of my Soul out of this World with my perfect ſenſes about me, the Holy Sacraments to ſtrengthen me, Thy ſelf (O dear Jeſus,) to comfort me, Thy Sacred Virgin-Mother, with the Saints, my particular Patrons, to pray for me, and my good Angel to conduct me to Eternal Reſt, Eternal Life, Eternal Happineſs.

Amen.

A Praise of the most Holy. SACRAMENT.

PRaised be the most Holy SACRAMENT.

With as many Praises as there be Stars in the Heaven, Sparks in the Fire, drops of Water in the Sea, motes of Dust upon the Earth, Flowers in the Spring, grains of Corn in Summer, leaves in Autumn, flaiks of Snow or Hail in Winter, or corporal Creatures in the whole World.

For Thou art worthy of it, *O Lord of the whole Universe*, 2 *Mat.* 24.

Who being wrap'd up under the *Species* of Bread and Wine, *art truly a God hidden*, Isa. 45.

Praised be the Holy SACRAMENT. With as many Praises as by any external thing can be given, or by pronounced by the mouth, and as ever could, or hereafter can be conceiv'd, by the hearts of all Humane Creatures that ever were, or shall be.

For thou art worthy of it, *O Lord our Father*, Isa. 63.

Who

Who doſt feed and nouriſh us daily with thy precious Body and the precious Blood, which is as it were, *of a Lamb without ſpot*, 1 Pet. 1.

Praiſed be the Holy SACRAMENT. With as many Praiſes as all the Angels, yea the moſt Bleſſed Trinity it ſelf, can produce by its Omnipotency, wiſh by its Wiſdom, wiſh by its Goodneſs, in every, at all times, every way, and for all Eternity, and longer.

For thou art worthy of it, *O Lord my God*, Iſa. 25.

Who doſt give me not only thy Humanity, but thy Divinity alſo, *My Lord and my God*, Jo. 10.

The Lamb which was kill'd, is worthy to take Power, and Divinity, and Wiſdom, and Fortitude, and Honour, and Glory, and Benediction. Apoc. 5.

☞ *Note*, That this *Praiſe of the moſt Holy Sacrament* is fitting at all times, but eſpecially before and after the Communion, and whilſt *Maſs* is a ſaying.

A Prayer to God the Father.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, God of Patriarks, and Prophets, God of Apostles and Martyrs, God of Virgins, and of all Believers; We beseech thee, have mercy on us, thou who didst send thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to redeem us, thy Son, born of the Virgin *Mary*, by the Operation of the Holy-Ghost, by the Annunciation of the Angel, deliver us from Eternal Death.

I beseech thee, O Lord, have compassion on thy Servant; Judge me not according to my works, for I have been disobedient to Thy Commandments; but Thou, who lovedst Repentance, have mercy on me, who before Thy Face make Confession of all my Sins, and for the Love of Thy Holy Name, wipe away all my Offences,

Make

Make me to abide in thy Holy *Catholick Church*, with an undefiled Faith, and pure Heart, with a firm Devotion, and continual Love of Thee, and perseverance in good Works to my Lives end. Deliver me from the Eternal Pains, and Everlasting Torments which Thou hast prepared for the Wicked: Grant this, for our God and Blessed Saviours sake, by whom, and in whom, be ascribed to Thee all Honour, Power, and Glory, for ever and ever *Amen.*

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